OPLIN Board Meeting
December 10, 2021

Agenda Item 6.3. Questions for PLDS

Background:

Up until 2010, OPLIN conducted an annual **Connectivity Survey** in order to gather library connectivity data for the legislature and other government entities that help make critical funding decisions, track the size and progress of the network in order to facilitate planning, and get accurate contact information for each library system. As some of this information overlapped with the data collected annually by the State Library and with periodic information gathering by OLC, the Connectivity Survey was replaced with the **Public Library Data Center**, which could be updated more frequently on an as-needed basis. Over time, the Data Center seemed superfluous, and OPLIN's network questions were folded into the State Library's annual collection of public library data.

Currently, the survey asks:

2.22 Type of Internet Connection at this Outlet

- From OPLIN
- Ethernet
- DSL
- Cable Modem
- Wireless
- T3 (DS3)
- T1 (DS1)
- Other

2.23 Monthly Cost to the Library of Internet Connection at this Outlet

No library director enjoys completing this annual survey. We should therefore make sure that the questions we ask are necessary and collect for us information that is useful. I'm not sure that the "type" of connection is useful (or accurate). It also seems that, in the absence of instructions, libraries are interpreting "monthly cost" differently.

I would be grateful for the Board's input on what planning data it would be useful to collect from public libraries, and how we might improve the accuracy of the information obtained.

Action needed:

No action other than discussion needed at this time.